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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Shea et al.)
Application No.: 10/083,093) Art Unit: 3732
Filed: February 26, 2002) Examiner: Ramana, A.
For: Locking Systems for Implants)
Docket No: 10557/266546

PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents for a one-month extension of time, through and including October 4, 2003 (which is a Saturday), to respond to the Office Action mailed on July 4, 2003. Please charge \$110.00, the fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, to Deposit Account 11-0855.

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